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Mr. Joseph E. Kelley  
Associate Director  
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Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of 13 April 1988 in which you state that GAO intends to audit the Agency for International Development, the Departments of Defense and State, and the CIA with respect to funds authorized for the Nicaraguan Resistance and for other purposes in P.L. 100-276.

As you are aware, the CIA is not permitted to administer the assistance authorized under this law, or to otherwise expend funds to support the program established in P.L. 100-276. Accordingly, there will be no CIA "assistance" provided to the Nicaraguan Resistance pursuant to the Act and thus nothing for GAO to audit in this regard.

Your letter also makes reference to a GAO review of "other assistance or support which might be provided by the United States" to the Nicaraguan Resistance. I can assure you that any CIA involvement with the Resistance is closely and continuously monitored by our oversight committees in both the House and the Senate.

Sincerely,



// John L. Helgerson  
Director of Congressional Affairs

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